

Ontario Holding Public Consultations to Strengthen Labour Laws

Province Protecting Workers In The Modern Workplace

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Ontario is moving forward with public consultations on issues and trends that affect workers and employers across the province in the modern workplace.

Public [consultations](#) about how the [Labour Relations Act](#), 1995 and [Employment Standards Act, 2000](#) could be amended to keep pace with the changing needs of workers and employers will begin on June 16th in Toronto and will continue throughout the summer in communities such as Toronto, Ottawa, Mississauga, Guelph, Windsor and London.

Led by special advisors, [C. Michael Mitchell](#), formerly of Sack Goldblatt Mitchell LLP, and the [Honourable John C. Murray](#), a former justice of the Ontario Superior Court and prominent management labour lawyer, the consultations will cover a range of topics including:

- The increase in temporary jobs, part-time work, and self-employment
- The rising prominence of service sector jobs
- The effects of globalization and trade liberalization
- Accelerating technological change

Strengthening protections for workers while supporting businesses is part of the government's plan to build Ontario up. The four-part plan includes investing in people's talents and skills, making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history, creating a dynamic, innovative environment where business thrives, and building a secure retirement savings plan.

QUOTES

"It's important our laws reflect the realities of the modern economy, and that's why we're consulting with people in communities across the province and reviewing our legislation. The Changing Workplaces Review will ensure that all Ontarians are protected and have the opportunities they deserve to fulfil their potential."

— Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour

QUICK FACTS

- Non-standard employment (which includes part-time, temporary, self-employment and multiple job holders) has grown almost twice as fast as standard employment in Ontario since 1997.
- The service sector now accounts for more than half of employment in Ontario.

LEARN MORE

- [Changing Workplaces Review](#)
- Read the [Guide to Consultations](#)
- The review [Terms of Reference](#)
- [The special advisors](#) to the review

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